

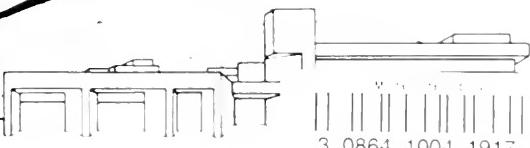
# **Montana Newsletter**

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# News



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## GOVERNOR APPOINTS THOMPSON TO COMMISSION

Marie E. Thompson of Billings was recently appointed by the governor to the state library commission.

Thompson, currently speech and debate coach at Skyview High School in Billings, has a diverse background in education and in government. From 1963-66, she taught English in Billings public schools. She served on the Billings City Council from 1973-83, and is now serving on the Board of the South Central Library Federation and Yellowstone City-County Library Board.

Thompson said she is interested in all facets of library service. She sees a primary need to make certain Montana's libraries keep up with technological innovations in the face of limited funding.

## I.E.L. FEE POLICY DEFERRED BY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS

Montana universities will continue the policy of no tuition fees for interlibrary loan transactions in Montana. The state legislature next year will review the state library fee structure and consider the elimination of fees for interlibrary loan requests for Montana libraries.

The state library commission considers this a more just issue. In a letter last year from the Montana Library Association to the commission, concern was expressed that the imposition of fees by universities would cause the creation of an information elite at the college campuses and an information-poor throughout the rest of Montana.

A study of interlibrary loans in Montana will be undertaken. The objective of the study will be to get a statistical overview of IEL in Montana.

The State Librarian is soliciting volunteers for a committee to assist with the study. The committee will include one public library representative from a large (20,000 or more) and one representative from a small (20,000 or less) community. Also included will

be the following: one director of a academic library, one person from a academic library, one student, one school librarian, one special librarian, one director from the Montana University of Montana, and one from the state library and the state liaison of the higher educational office. The state library received a five-month study beginning November 1, 1987 and ended with a written report submitted by March 1, 1988.

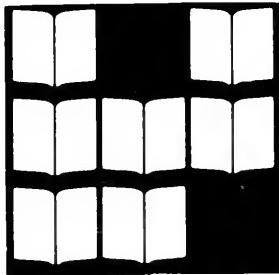
Please send letters indicating interest in serving on the committee to Sara Parker, State Librarian, Montana State Library, 1510 E. 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59601.

## ADVISORY COUNCIL SEEKS IDEAS ON 1988 LSCA GRANTS

The Montana Library Services Advisory Council will meet this fall to discuss ideas for use of LSCA grant funds. All libraries and interested parties are invited to submit to the council their ideas on how the funds should best be appropriated. The following criteria must be met: 1. LSCA grants must be used for the purposes

See LSCA pg. 2

RECEIVED AWARD  
FROM MARY.



## LIBRARY LAW REVISION UNDERWAY

Drafting of revisions to the Montana State Library laws is underway. The law revision committee, chaired by Sara Parker, State Librarian, is focusing on three major areas. The spotlighted issues are those brought to the attention of the committee at meetings throughout the state. These areas include a look at the scope of authority of the Montana State Library Commission, a survey of public library laws and an examination of library systems and federations laws.

The committee will specifically address the following: the Montana State Library Commission's authority to contract for services to Montana's public libraries, the limit of power of county commissioners in setting public library wages, salaries and budgets, and the question of inclusion of academic, school and special libraries in federations.

The revision committee welcomes input from Montana libraries on these issues. A first draft of the revisions by fall and a final draft for the 1988 MLA conference are the committee's goals.

## CULTURAL CONGRESS SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

The Cultural Congress in Billings, September 14-16, promises to be an exciting opportunity for Montana's literary community to join other artists, writers and educators in a celebration of Montana's cultural renaissance. Congress of 200 pillars will be doing a one speaking about the need to preserve Montana's culture as cultural assets.

Artists invited will include a symphony, a band, a drama group, a folk dancer, a poet and a painter.

The Congress will also feature discussions of

the need to support the arts, the role of the artist in society, the role of the arts in education, the role of the arts in business, the role of the arts in government, and the role of the arts in the economy.

The Conference will endore Montanans to denounce segregation and discrimination in the Montana State Library, the Cultural Commission for the Humanities and the Montana Humanities Council where they feel they are needed to help them to do their work.

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## MONTANA CODES UNDER DISCUSSION

MCA 22-1-101 to 22-1-210  
MCA 22-1-301 to 22-1-317 & 7-11-1101 to 7-11-1116  
MCA 22-1-401 to 22-1-413



# 1987 Bear Creek Mission Statement

The Montana State Library Commission, dedicated to serving the people of Montana and its partners within the Montana library community, hereby promulgates this statement of principles which, we believe, further clarifies the mission statement of the Montana State Library Commission. This statement is intended to reflect our values and acknowledge our commitment to the following:

As a commission, we feel that it is our responsibility to support Montana law libraries in their efforts to provide the public with user access to basic library services, especially important during tax revenues. While the commission recognizes the difficult economic times with reduced funding levels to support library services, we encourage libraries to continue to provide basic library services to their patrons.

We believe that free and open access to information by all citizens is fundamental to the promise held out by our system of representative democracy, and that our public library system must meet this challenge.

We define the following positions for the future:

1. Library federations serve a vital role in fostering cooperation in Montana and we support their continued efforts consistent with reduced funding levels.
2. Interlibrary loan must increasingly depend on cooperative efforts and innovative ideas from all libraries until state aid is achieved.

3. Education - We believe that information is a priority for the citizens of Montana. We believe that the most cost-effective and efficient manner of providing reference service will be through the Montana State Library.

4. We reaffirm the efforts to modernize and make federation and public libraries more effective and will hold public hearings with the aim of proposing significant changes in Montana library law for the 1984 legislative session.

5. The legislature must support the state library advocate and the public library advocate. State library advocacy, especially informed cooperation among the library leadership, is an important factor.

6. Congress must fund and encourage libraries to patrons in Montana. The legislature must implement recommendations of the Montana Library Board regarding service to institutions.

7. The legislature supports state and the libraries and will work for its enactment in the 1984 session.

8. The education between media and libraries and media center status is fundamental in educating Montana students at all levels. School libraries must be at the heart of the instructional program. We support strong accreditation standards and guidelines to ensure a fine school program.

9. Education reaffirms the importance of free and equal access to information and a variety of resources. Because of current economic conditions, the legislature cannot provide full goals for library service, we encourage librarians' initiatives in these areas: literacy

\* With thanks to Marilyn Gell Mason for Forecast #9 in "The Future of the Public Library", Library Journal, September 1, 1965, p. 129.

Adopted by Montana State Library Commission  
June 17, 1987



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### SEPTEMBER

- 9 - 12 Governor's Conference on Aging, Great Falls  
14 - 15 Cultural Congress for Montana, Billings  
15 - 20 Academic Special Libraries Division Retreat, Missoula  
23 - 25 Mountain Plains Library Association, Missoula  
26 - 29 School Media Retreat, Eastern Retreat, Helena

### OCTOBER

- 4 - 6 ICR Board Meeting, Missoula  
5 - 7 Media Retreat, Western Retreat, Missoula  
9 - 10 Montana Education Association, Billings  
10 Literacy Awareness, Billings, Great Falls, Helena  
11 Montana Workforce Development Conference, Billings  
12 Montana State Librarian's Conference, Helena  
13 School Media Retreat, Eastern Retreat, Helena  
17 - 19 State Officers of State Librarians, Helena, Billings  
20 - 24 Public Library Retreat, Helena, Great Falls, Billings  
24 - 27 Public Library Development Program, Missoula, Billings  
27 - 28 Western Council of State Librarians, Billings  
30 - 31 Project Management Board, Helena  
Public Library Retreat, Miles City, Missoula, Billings

### NOVEMBER

- 3 Children's Book Week, Billings, Great Falls, Helena  
5 Statewide Continuing Education Conference, Helena  
10 - 12 Children's Book Week, Billings, Great Falls, Helena  
(An illustrated brochure of book week activities and price and discount information is available from the Children's Book Council for a \$1.00 stated, postage addressed envelope.)  
24 - 26 Western Council of State Librarians, Billings

### DECEMBER

- 9 Montana State Library Commission, Helena

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### JANUARY

- 9 - 14 Midwinter ALA, San Antonio  
21 Advisory Council Meeting, Bozeman  
22 ALA Board Meeting, Bozeman  
27-28 ICLIS Project Management Board Meeting, Helena

PLEASE NOTIFY THE STATE LIBRARY OF ANY EVENTS WHICH YOU WISH TO PUT ON THIS CALENDAR

